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SOME IMPORTANT STATISTICS.

The Washington Star recently published an article the material for which was taken from a census bureau bulletin, showing that the value of railroad property in the United States is \$11,244,852,000, supplemented by Pullman cars, \$51,000,000; private car lines, \$72,000,000, making the sum total \$11,867,852,000. And yet it was but seventy-five years ago last Monday that the first load of passengers was ever carried over a railroad on the American continent.

In the distribution of value Pennsylvania comes first with \$1,420,608,000. New York follows with \$898,222,000, followed by Illinois with \$805,057,000. The smallest is Alaska with a valuation of \$100,000. New Mexico railroads have a valuation of \$86,400,000, while those of Arizona have a combined value of only \$68,356,000. Besides Alaska, the District of Columbia, Delaware, Nevada, Rhode Island, South Dakota and Vermont, are the only political divisions of the country where the value of the railroads fall below that of Arizona. These figures represent the market value of the roads, what they could be sold for, and not the value placed upon them by the several states and territories for the purposes of taxation.

This value is not given, but in its stead is a table giving the percentage which tax value bears to the commercial value. The highest percentage is found in Connecticut, where the tax valuation is 114.4 per cent of the commercial value. The lowest is Wyoming, where the roads are taxed on a valuation which is but 7.5 per cent of their commercial worth. Arizona comes next with the per centage of tax value only 9.7 of the selling value; while New Mexico follows third, the per centage being 9.9.

Unfortunately in New Mexico and Arizona it is not railroads alone the tax value of which bears so insignificant a proportion to the real value, but all other kinds of property are in the same category. Arizona's taxable property is returned at \$40,000,000 and that of New Mexico at \$42,000,000; of course varying slightly from year to year, sometimes above and sometimes below the figures given. Yet Arizona has one mine which is said to have yielded in one year as much as her entire taxable property is put at; while the real or commercial value of New Mexico's railroads alone more than doubles the assessed value of all her property, mines, stock, farms, factories, town holdings, stocks, bonds, merchandise, moneys, and everything taxable combined.

Under such system of taxation, no wonder the growth of the territories is checked, and city debts accumulate, the school fund remains inadequate, and investors are frightened away by the seemingly large rate of taxation. Nor will these evils be eradicated until the difference between tax valuation of property and its commercial value are brought within the bounds of a much greater unity.

Arizona is taking steps in that direction, the board of equalization for that territory having recently raised the assessments upon patented mines from 100 per cent in Yavapai county to 1500 per cent in Cochise County. Under this increase of value for taxation, the patented mines of Arizona are now assessed at \$15,000,000 instead of \$4,000,000, the figure at which they stood until a few days ago. But New Mexico, as yet, has taken no step in this desirable direction. The listed value of property should approximate its commercial, and then the rate of taxation should be lowered to yield only the revenue absolutely needed.

NEW MEXICO GOAT INDUSTRY

There was a meeting Thursday of the Otero County Goat Breeders' association at Weed. The meeting was especially for the election of officers for the ensuing year, and also to perfect plans for holding an annual fair, where products related to the goat industry can be displayed.

The goat industry is becoming very important in this territory, and yet it has scarcely entered upon the development it is destined to experience, both as to the common goat and the Angora. The Citizen the other day made mention of a carload of goat skins, all of the common stock, shipped from this city to Philadelphia and valued at \$11,000.

For the purposes of shoes and gloves, no skins are used but those of the common variety, and they are valued at present at 20 cents per pound. But this fact does not militate against the Angora goat industry, which in New Mexico is advancing with astounding strides. The chief value of the Angora is in the Mohair with which it is clothed. However, its pelts make very handsome articles of clothing for which furs are usually employed, while the tanned pelts are incomparable for rugs.

J. Minium, the purchasing agent for the Philadelphia house, already referred to, bought some twenty Angora pelts at Silver City, and had them tanned at the Rio Grande Woolen Mills of this city. A number of them will be on exhibition at the Territorial fair, and they are beautiful. The hair is fully ten inches long, in color, an attractive white with a delicate cream tint. The tanning was of the very best, the hide being as soft and pliable as the finest of buckskin.

The Arizona Silver Belt quotes with approval from the Douglas International-American the statement that the joint statehood scheme of Senator Beveridge is a bold attempt on the part of the east to concentrate the power of government for this republic east of the Mississippi river; and adds that every republican national convention for the past twenty-five years has declared in favor of the early admission to statehood of Arizona and New Mexico as separate states. Both of these assertions are correct, though it is the monetary power of the Mississippi states which objects to the admission of four trans-Mississippi states, rather than the political power. The Citizen would suggest to the papers mentioned above, that as Oklahoma and Indian Territory will undoubtedly come in as one state, that question having apparently been settled in the affirmative by the people of those territories, which course will best aid the "bold attempt" of the east, to send four southwestern senators to congress, two from Oklahoma and two from greater Arizona, or only to send the two from Oklahoma, because New Mexico and Arizona refuse the jointure? There is no doubt in the world that the east would not have any senators and congressmen from the southwest, could that section have its way; but as there will be some, it becomes a question of the fewer the better. Hence, New Mexico and Arizona could not please the money power better than by staying out of the Union.

The amount of wood actually consumed in the United States for packing boxes and baskets cannot be given in exact figures, but it is much greater than is generally realized. The state of Michigan alone has forty-eight box making establishments with an annual product valued at \$2,227,121. Other states have a yet larger output. There is hardly a business in the whole country that would not be unfavorably affected by a serious shortage in packing box material. How important, then, to this territory, that the forests of New Mexico should be conserved and new forests be planted.

Few people realize the enormous cost and importance of street paving. Measured by the money invested street paving is probably the most important single class of engineering construction except steam railroads, the amount invested to date being estimated by a competent authority as approximately \$515,000,000 for the United States.

In the past five years, 372,369 acres have been entered upon as homesteads in the Santa Fe land district, and the total entries in that period covered 774,670 acres. Yet Curtis is it doubtful whether New Mexico is progressing or retrograding, but if progressing the rate of progress is so slight as to be unappreciable. And Curtis is an honorable and truthful man, as all must know.

A WELL SPENT DAY OR ONE MOST SADLY LOST

Colorado Springs Telegraph

If we sit down at set of sun,
And count the things that we have done,
And, counting, find
One self-denying act, one word
That eased the heart of him who heard;
One glance most kind,
That fell like sunshine where it went,
Then we may count that day well spent.

But if, through all the livelong day,
We've eased no heart by yea or nay;
If through it all
We've done no thing that we can trace
That brought the sunshine to a face;
No act most small,
That helped some soul, though at little cost,
Then count that day as worse than lost.

BENEFIT TO BOYS ARISING FROM SELF GOVERNMENT

The Outlook

In some of the public schools of Boston there is to be established this fall the institution known as the school city. It is a form of self-government which has been used in some of the schools of New York City, Philadelphia and other places.

It was originally founded by Wilson L. Grall in 1897. The trial was made in a disorderly school of 1,000 pupils or more in the suburbs of New York. The students were so unruly as to require the constant presence of policemen on the playgrounds. Within a week after the students were organized as a city with the right and responsibility of governing themselves the school became orderly and law-abiding. The boys were willing to obey laws in the making of which they had a share.

In other places good results have been attained. In one school near Philadelphia the standard of dress was so low that if any boy wore a linen collar to school it was sure to be torn off. Twenty of the boys had registered under assumed names, so that in case of arrest they would not appear in police court under their true names. When the school city was organized the boys came to the principal and confessed the ruse, and asked to be registered in their right names. Unruly conduct was suppressed; neater dress, better manners and improved scholarship followed. The students maintained their higher standards to the end of the school year last spring.

The almost immediate transformation brought about in individual boys and girls by the endowment of responsibility involved in the plan has many illustrations. One boy from the slums, who was careless, mischievous and fond of playing truant, was elected a "member of council." The teacher felt that the choice of this little rascal rendered the republic hopeless; but the children in this, as in many another case, reformed a bad boy by putting him in a position of trust. As this had been praised by his teacher for becoming a little gentleman, "You know they expect so much from a member of the city council."

Some of the decisions of the school courts are remarkably appropriate. One pupil, guilty of swearing in the schoolyard, and on the streets, was sentenced to ostracism for two days; he was not to speak to anyone all recess during that time, and public opinion forced the order of the court. Trial by their peers on full evidence appeals to the children as just and fair, and they manifest a surprising aptitude for judicial procedure.

As legislators, too, the children display some qualities that their elders would do well to cultivate. No private bill, or special legislation, has any chance in a school city. There is no graft in the school city, no boodle in the council, no understanding between the police and wrongdoers.

The child citizens have passed and enforced ordinances prohibiting the shooting of peas, the disfigurement of buildings, the making of an noise in the neighborhood of libraries or other places where people may be disturbed by it. "Tattling" has been eliminated; but pupils who would deem it a disgrace to "peach" on fellow students come to regard it as a civic duty to give evidence to their fellow students concerning offenders against the laws of the republic.

SELECTIONS MADE FROM PRESS OF SOUTHWEST

Charged by Colorado.

A meeting of the state board of stock inspection was held yesterday at the offices in the capitol building at which a number of matters of importance was taken up. The state veterinarian was authorized to declare any counties from which mange or other infectious diseases have been obliterated to be free, thus removing the quarantine and necessity for inspection.

It was reported by the inspector at Trinidad that stock owners are running cattle and sheep over the line from New Mexico without a health certificate. The inspectors were authorized to demand either a government or state health certificate for all cattle brought in from that section.—Denver Republican.

Benefit of Artesian Water.

Farmington-Aztec folks should at least find fifty men to chip in \$100 each and go after artesian water. Two thousand eight hundred dollars will buy a 2,000 foot drill and the remainder will constitute an ample working fund. Artesian water would add \$100,000 to value of the lands and for this reason the board of commissioners and council members in Farmington and Aztec should unite to aid the work. There is nothing without an effort.—Durango Democrat.

Good Dance, Good Purpose.

The most enjoyable dance Lake Valley has had in a long time occurred here last Thursday night. There was a large attendance and ice cream, cake and coffee were served, the proceeds to go to the new school house fund. A dance will be given here the first Saturday of every full moon for the benefit of our school building, when refreshments will be served. The next dance will take place on the night of September 16. Everybody invited.—Hillboro Advocate.

Surely Some Pumpkin.

Mrs. A. H. Cox has the credit of having brought in the first ripe pumpkin this year. It is a Golden Beauty and weighs about seven pounds. To all appearances it is ripe and in splendid condition for Yankee pies. It was grown on her ranch north of town without one drop of artificial irrigation. No doubt had it been irrigated it would have doubled its size.—Estancia News.

Eddy's Peach Crop.

The shipment of peaches from Eddy county has been very heavy this season although now there is a falling off. Over 2,500 boxes have been shipped from Carlsbad, besides what have gone from Mangas and Florence. Altogether over 5,000 boxes will have been shipped from that section by the close of the season.—Raton Range.

Las Vegas Fair.

For the race meet at the Northern New Mexico fair in Las Vegas this fall, the association has hung up prizes amounting to \$3,000. All the horses that go to the Territorial fair at Albuquerque will go to Las Vegas, the dates following each other so closely that it is very convenient so to do.—Socorro Chief.

CHURCHES

Lutheran Church—Sunday school at 9:45 a. m. Services in German, 11 a. m. Services in English, 8 p. m. G. Wenning, pastor.

Baptist Church—Sunday school at 9:50. Preaching by the pastor at 11 a. m. and 8 p. m. Young people's meeting at 7:15 p. m.

Christian Church—Meets in the Commercial club building. Usual services tomorrow. The minister, E. M. Crawford, will preach morning and evening.

Highland Methodist Church—Services at 11 a. m. and 8 p. m. Sunday school at 9:15 a. m. Senior League at 7 p. m. Strangers welcome. J. M. Solle, pastor.

Presbyterian Church—Rev. H. A. Cooper, pastor, has returned from his vacation, and will hold services as usual tomorrow morning and evening. Evening subject, "Lessons From Slights in a Great City." The Presbyterians are now meeting at the opera house.

St. John's Episcopal Church—Located at the corner of Fourth street and West Silver avenue. Services tomorrow as follows: Holy communion at 7:30 a. m. Sunday school at 10 a. m. Holy communion and sermon at 11 a. m. Evening prayer and sermon at 8 p. m. Regular meeting of Daughters of the King at 7 p. m. All seats free. A. G. Harrison, rector.

Congregational Church—Located at the corner of Broadway and Coal avenue. Morning service at 11 o'clock. Topic of sermon, "The Secret of Success in Christian Work and the Promise of Power for That Work." Evening service at 8 o'clock. Topic of sermon, "The Wasted Substance." Y. P. S. C. E. at 7 o'clock. Sunday school at 10 a. m. All members of church and congregation are urged to attend both services. Strangers and visitors cordially invited. J. W. Barron, pastor.

REV. BARRON PREACHES OPENING SERMON TOMORROW

NEW PASTOR OF CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH WILL MAKE HIS FIRST APPEARANCE AT SUNDAY'S SERVICES.

Rev. Barron was formerly pastor of the congregational church in this city, who was called to succeed Rev. W. J. Marsh, who resigned to go to Alliance, Neb., will preach his first sermon in Albuquerque at Sunday's services.

Rev. Barron was formerly pastor of the Congregational church at Marietta, Ill., and arrived in this city about two weeks ago, accompanied by his family. The Marietta papers speak very highly of his work as a minister, and the Albuquerque congregation are to be congratulated on their wise selection.

Doubtless a large congregation will greet the new pastor at the morning services. Rev. Barron will take for his subject for the morning sermon at 11 o'clock, "The Secret of Success in Christian Work and the Promise of Power for that Work."



REV. J. W. BARRON.

New Pastor Congregational Church, Who will Occupy the Pulpit at Tomorrow's Services.

Sunday school at 10 o'clock. Evening services will be held at 8 o'clock. The subject of the sermon will be, "The Wasted Substance." Y. P. S. C. E. at 7 o'clock.

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Missouri Pacific	104 1/2
Metropolitan	128 1/2
Mexican Central	23 1/2
New York Central	145 1/2
Norfolk	85 1/2
Reading, common	115 1/2
Pennsylvania	143 1/2
Rock Island, common	32 1/2
Rock Island, pfd.	79 1/2
Republic Iron & Steel, common	20 1/2
Republic Iron & Steel, pfd.	66 1/2
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Tennessee Coal & Iron	85 1/2
Union Pacific, common	131 1/2
U. S. S. common	34 1/2
U. S. S. pfd.	102 1/2
Wabash, common	21 1/2
Wisconsin Central, com. com.	30 1/2
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COMING EVENTS

September 3 and 4—The McIntosh Browns vs. Santa Fe Centrals, at Tracton park.

September 5—School begins, the day after Labor day.

September 8—The Bruno Dieckman concert.

September 18 to 23—Twenty-fifth Territorial Fair.

September 30—"Romona," at the Elks' opera house.

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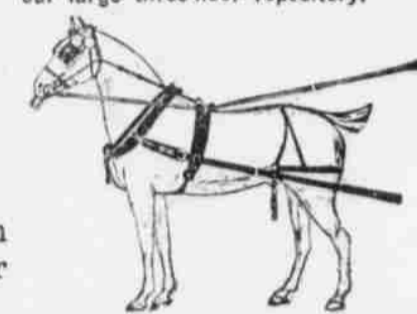
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